



DOG EXERCISE AREA RULES

YOU are responsible to abide by these rules. Please take time to read and understand them completely.

PLEASE NOTE: VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF \$100 PER INCIDENT.

**THIS AREA IS NOT SUPERVISED.
OWNERS ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOGS AT ALL TIMES!
THE CITY ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY
FOR CONDUCT OF DOGS OR THEIR OWNERS.**

- All dogs must be accompanied by an owner or handler at all times.
- Owners must remain in the Dog Exercise Area at all times and keep their dogs in sight and under their control.
- Owners are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and shall be held responsible for any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.
- Any dog showing aggression toward people or other dogs must be immediately leashed and removed from the Dog Exercise Area by its owner.
- Dogs with a known history of aggressive or dangerous behavior and/or dogs that have displayed aggressive or dangerous behavior at this facility are prohibited.
- Any dog barking continuously or uncontrollably must be removed from the Dog Exercise Area.
- Owners shall carry a leash at all times, and dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the Dog Exercise Area.
- Owners are responsible for securely latching both gates as they enter or exit.
- Owners must pick up and properly dispose of their dog's feces.
- Any dog using the Dog Exercise Area must be currently vaccinated against rabies and legally licensed.
- Dogs shall not be allowed to dig. Any holes created by a dog shall be immediately filled by the dog's owner.
- Children must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult that will be accountable for the behavior and well being of the child. Children should be discouraged from approaching or playing with strange dogs.
- Puppies using the Dog Exercise Area must be four (4) months of age or older.
- No female dog "in heat" or "in season" is allowed in the Dog Exercise Area at any time.
- No eating or smoking is allowed inside the Dog Exercise Area. No dog food treats or toys from home, except tennis balls, are allowed in the Dog Exercise Area.
- Professional dog trainers may not conduct their business inside the Dog Exercise Area. There shall be no dog grooming inside the Dog Exercise Area.
- People who violate these rules are subject to removal from the Dog Exercise Area and may be prohibited from using the facility.
- No bare feet allowed in the Dog Exercise Area.
- No spiked dog collars are allowed in the Dog Exercise Area.

**VIOLATIONS CAN BE REPORTED BY CALLING
ANIMAL CONTROL 301-258-6343**



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Sec. 15A-17. Dog Exercise Areas

Dog Exercise Areas are City-designated, membership-only, fence-enclosed facilities owned or operated by the City specifically intended for dogs to acquire owner/custodian supervised “off leash” exercise.

(a) It shall be unlawful to:

1. Enter or remain on the facility at hours other than the City-designated hours of usage.
2. Enter or remain on the facility with more than two dogs per individual.
3. Fail to immediately remove from the facility any dog showing aggression toward people or other dogs in the facility.
4. Fail to immediately remove from the facility any dog that barks continuously or uncontrollably.
5. Enter or remain on the facility with a female dog “in estrus.”
6. Enter or remain on the facility with a dog not currently vaccinated against rabies.
7. Enter or remain on the facility with a dog younger than four months of age.
8. Fail to immediately leash and restrain a dog in the facility when advised to do so by a City official.
9. Fail to abide by the Rules and Regulations posted at the entrance of the facility.
10. Fail to immediately depart the facility when ordered to do so by a City official.
11. Enter on or remain upon the facility without a valid City membership tag or a valid City of Gaithersburg pet license properly displayed on each dog or a current City-authorized guest pass.

(b) Dog Exercise Areas require a valid membership to use each facility. Every owner that is a nonresident of the City of Gaithersburg shall acquire a membership or guest pass for each dog that wishes to enter onto and remain in a Dog Exercise Area. Such membership shall be obtained from a person designated by the City Manager to issue such membership. Applications for such membership shall include photo identification for each dog using the facility. Membership fees shall be established by resolution by the Mayor and City Council. Membership tags shall expire on the last day of the month one year from the month it was issued. A membership tag must be properly displayed on each said dog while it is inside a facility. City residents must acquire a City of Gaithersburg pet license that needs to be displayed on the dog while it is in a facility. It shall be unlawful to transfer a membership tag or to deface the tag in any manner. A membership tag shall become invalid with the transfer of the dog to a new owner. The City Manager or his designee may revoke a membership at any time if an owner fails to abide by the rules and regulations of the facility or is in violation of any other provision of this chapter. Failure to comply with these directives shall constitute grounds for the temporary or permanent banning of an individual and/or dog from the facility.

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